



Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church

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Kaleidoscope July 2007

Sunday	July 1	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang" (for adults) led by David Tripp and Naren Jackson, focuses on Emerson and Transcendentalism
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee led by Larry Heath
		2:00 p.m.	Reception for Ensign Katie Hansen
Monday	July 2	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	July 8	10:00 a.m.	Betty and Marvin Willis present "Old Arlington in Story and Song"
		11:00 a.m.	David Reed, Texas ACLU, speaks on "Government's Response to Hate Crimes" [Arlington Women's Shelter collection]
		12:30 p.m.	Board Meeting led by John Blair
Monday	July 9	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	July 15	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	Dr. Mike Merchant, Texas A&M District Entomologist, speaks on "The Honeybee Die-Off and Environmental Stewardship"
		12:30 p.m.	Social Justice Committee meeting
Monday	July 16	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	July 22	10:00 a.m.	Steve Bush reviews <i>Three Cups of Tea</i> , the story of Greg Mortenson, who builds schools, particularly for girls, across rural Pakistan and Afghanistan
		11:00 a.m.	Paul Geisel speaks
Monday	July 23	7:30 p.m.	Support Group led by John Reed
Sunday	July 29	10:00 a.m.	Hoyt West begins The Fifth Sunday UU Newcomers' Program with a discussion of "The First Principle" - All are invited
		11 a.m.	Bob Ray Sanders, <i>Star-Telegram</i> columnist, speaks
		12:30 p.m.	Last Supper (potluck lunch)
Sunday	Aug. 5	10:00 a.m.	"Sunday School Gang"
		11:00 a.m.	David Tripp speaks

Nursery and Sunday School are provided at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday.

AUUC Mission Statement -- Our mission is to provide a nourishing environment:

- In which liberal religious thought and spiritual growth are encouraged; where doubt is welcome and free choice is the rule
- In which we will be motivated to contribute to the betterment of all life
- In which we will teach and promote all of the other Unitarian Universalist values, embodied in the Seven Principles

Pledging: It takes \$50 per pledging unit per month to sustain the Arlington UU Church. Please give what you can. If you choose to make your contribution using the collection basket, use a special envelope or indicate "Pledge" on your check. Thank you for your support.

Meet John Adams

Buying a book of Liberty Bell postage stamps, I got in change a dollar coin bearing the image of John Adams (1735-1826), the second President of the USA and a Unitarian.



Adams was a statesman, revolutionary, author, founder of a dynasty of politicians, diplomats, and historians, and a controversial figure in history. Everyone's heard of him; few know much about him. Born in a family of farmers, John attended Harvard (at 15), briefly taught school, then practiced law. From an early age he wrote, and wrote well. As a young attorney he argued openly against the Stamp Act and by 1774 he was a delegate to the Continental Congress where he wrote his seminal *Thoughts on Government* and contributed to writing the *Declaration of Independence*. After the Revolution he served as ambassador to France, the Netherlands, and to Great Britain where he worked to re-establish good terms with the throne. Vice President to Washington, Adams was elected President in 1796. By then he had become seen by many as behind the times, opinionated, contentious, vain, and stubborn. "I refused to suffer in silence. I sighed, sobbed, and groaned, and sometimes screeched and screamed. And I must confess to my shame and sorrow that I sometimes swore." He worked hard to keep America out of foreign wars while strengthening the navy and army. Most notoriously he signed the Alien and Sedition Acts in 1798, which were suppressive of liberties. Losing the Presidency to Jefferson in 1800, Adams retired to private life in Massachusetts. One of his last presidential acts was to appoint John Marshall Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, a position Marshall held for 34 years, largely establishing the Supreme Court as co-equal to the Congress and President. Adams spent his remaining 26 years of life farming, writing, and corresponding. Shortly before Adams' death (on July 4, 1826, just a few hours after Jefferson's death), his son John Quincy Adams became the sixth President of the United States. Both are buried with their wives in the crypt of United First Parish Church (UU) in Quincy, Massachusetts. Famous quotes: "People

and Nations are forged in the fires of adversity." "Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom." "Modesty is a virtue that can never thrive in public." "The people, when they have been unchecked, have been as unjust, tyrannical, brutal, barbarous, and cruel, as any king or senate possessed of uncontrollable power. The majority has eternally, and without one exception, usurped over the rights of the minority." "May none but honest and wise men ever rule under this roof." (Upon moving into the White House).

Excerpted from en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John Adams

Reception for Katie Hansen

Katrina Hansen, daughter of Barry and Diana Hansen, was graduated from the University of Kansas on May 20 with a B.S. in Environmental Geology. Katie received her commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy and will report to Pensacola NAS in August to begin flight school. Until then, she is on active duty at the Navy ROTC unit at KU. All are welcome to a reception in her honor at the church on Sunday, July 1, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Progress on Church Library, New Hymnals, AUUC website and Church Sound System

Thanks to grants from the North Texas Association of Unitarian Universalist Societies (NTAUUS), we have acquired a significant increase in our church library collection. We hope to have these books available for borrowing by the end of the summer. All books in the library, including books given by members and visitors, will be stamped to identify them as belonging to the church library. (Many of us bibliophiles tend to hold on to books so long we forget where we borrowed them!) Shelves will be built into the office to hold the collection, and a system is being developed to ensure ease of use by members and secure tracking of the books. Also, the ancient hymnal rack in the sanctuary will soon be replaced with a new bookcase to accommodate the **10 new hymnals** acquired with another NTAUUS grant. This **newsletter** is now available **online** at **arlington-tx-uu.org**. And, our *ad hoc* Sound System Committee is getting a **CD player** to add to our setup in the sanctuary.



Cell phones should be turned off during the service.

Food in the Sanctuary: So we can all enjoy a snack and fellowship afterwards, please do not bring food into the sanctuary during services and forums.

Facilities Use Policy: Permission must be obtained prior to use from the church board or, at minimum, the church president. The fee is \$15 per hour unless another rate or free use is agreed upon by the AUUC Board prior to use. Copies of the policy are available upon request.

Support Group: For our members who are trying to get their lives straightened out or to search for just plain stress relief, we have organized a support group that meets at the church every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact John Reed, our dedicated problem-solver.

Side Porch Counseling: Arlington UU Church is sponsoring counseling services each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For a moderate fee, Dr. John Reed, LPC, provides counseling for personal problems, stress management and relaxation. Call 817-460-6481 for more information or an appointment. Or just drop by.

New Members Welcome: Membership in the Arlington UU Church is open to everyone 12 or older who is in sympathy with our purpose and principles. If you wish to join us, you need only sign a membership form in the presence of an officer of the Church. Active (voting) members must additionally make a financial contribution of record during the year prior to, and be on the roster at least 60 days prior to, any congregational business meeting at which they wish to vote. **Newsletter/Publicity:** Clara Blair, 817-265-3429, blairbards@sbcglobal.net